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County officials take oaths

A swearing-in ceremony was held Wednesday, January 2 in the District Courtroom in Gail.

The six elected county officials taking oaths were Commissioners Hurston Lemons Precinct #4 and Larry Smith Precinct #2; Justice of the Peace Carolyn Stone, County Treasurer Melissa Ludecke, County

Clerk Dorothy Browne and County Judge Van L. York.

Also taking oaths was Borden Gray Jr. County Auditor. He serves this position by appointment from Gene Dulaney, District Judge of Snyder.

Issuing the oaths was County Sheriff R.D. Lewis.



FORMER GRADS RECEIVE HONORS

KATE PHINIZY

Kate Phinizy of Gail has been awarded the C.J. Davidson Scholarship. She is a sophomore food & nutrition major and is the daughter of Bill & Mary John Phinizy.

Kate is a 1989 graduate of Borden High School. Honors received at Texas Tech include: Outstanding Pi Beta Phi Freshman and being named to the Dean's List both fall and spring semesters of her freshman year. She is a member of Alpha Lambda Sigma Sorority.

Each year the College of Home Economics at Texas Tech University awards over \$100,000 in scholarships to worthy young men and women who wish to prepare for exciting careers. Awards range from \$200 to \$1,000 for each recipient.

Majors represented include: merchandising, family financial planning, interior design, family studies, early childhood education, human development, dietetics, home

economics teacher certification; restaurant, hotel and institutional management (RHIM) and graduate degree programs.

Fall 1990 enrollment figures for the College of Home Economics were 1,950 undergraduates and 144 graduate students. The College is acknowledged as the third largest in the nation in undergraduate enrollment.

Gail area prospective students interested in studying in the College are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Applications must be requested from the Office of the Dean, College of Home Economics, P.O. Box 4170, Lubbock, Texas 79409. Applications are due February 15, 1991.

JULIE HARRIS

The Texas Tech University Ex-Students Association recently recognized 1990-91 valedictorian and salutatorian scholarship recipients during a fall semester recep-

tion.

Julie Harris 1990 graduate of Borden High cont. to pg. 3

Letter to the Editor

Editor,

As the sun rises over the sands of Saudi Arabia, I arise to the feeling of prayers and support from friends and family in Texas and all American citizens. It is impossible to put into words the strength I receive from your support. Time and again I have received letters of encouragement.

I am writing this letter to extend my appreciation to all for what you have given me and other service members here. You are in my thoughts and prayers every day.

I urge you to continue to pray for me and all of the service men and women in Saudi Arabia. We will do our best to protect the United States' best interest. We all hope that this problem will soon be peacefully solved. I hope to soon be home among friends and family. Thanks for the support.

God Bless You All,
Cpl. Fannon, James C.
461-53-0770 USMC
"A" Co., 7th MTBN, 1st FSSG
FPO San Francisco, CA
96608-5700

Note: Cpl. Fannon is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Martin of Borden County.

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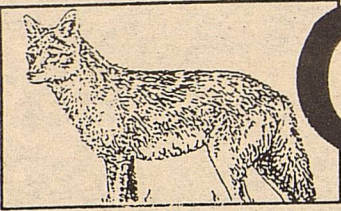
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COYOTE NEWS



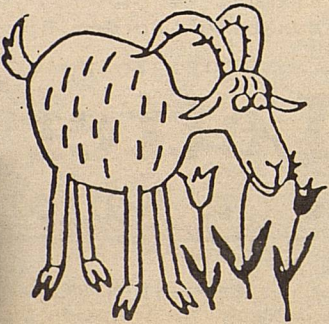
GOAT SHOW

TIME

On January 19, 1991, following the Steer Show, the 5th Annual LITTLE INTERNATIONAL GOAT SHOW will take place.

Children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews of Borden County folks will compete for ribbons and trophies donated by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Feagan, Feagan Energy, Midland, Texas. A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Banner will also be given.

If you would like more information regarding the goat show, please contact Rube or Sue Smith, 806-439-6645.



Poka-Lambro scholarships now available

Poka-Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will once again award two \$1,000 scholarships. The son or daughter of any Poka-Lambro member graduating from an area high school is eligible.

One scholarship will be awarded to an engineering student and the other will go to a college-bound student entering into general studies. Scholarship recipients will be chosen according to grades, financial need and extra-curricular activities.

Scholarship applications have been mailed to area high schools. They may also be picked up at the Poka-Lambro office located 11.5 miles north of Tahoka on Hwy 87, or the office located at 409 8th in O'Donnell or an application will be mailed upon request.

All applications must be received in the office by March 15. Scholarships will be presented March 28th at the Poka-Lambro Annual Meeting.

If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please call Amy Preston at (806)924-7234.

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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 19, 1990

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District met in regular session on Wednesday, December 19, 1990 at 12:30 P.M. in the Board Room of the Borden County School.

Board members present were Jack McPhaul, Joel Dennis, Kenny Hensley, Scott Clayton, Tom Ed Vestal, and Randy Adcock. -

Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas was also present.

- Call To Order:**
The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jack McPhaul.
- Community Input:**
There were no visitors present.
- Minutes:**
The minutes of the November 19, 1990 Board Meeting were read. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Adcock to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
- Bills:**
The bills for December were reviewed. A motion was made by Scott Clayton and seconded by Tom Ed Vestal to approve the bills. The motion carried unanimously.
- Legal Contract Concerning Delinquent Tax Collections:**
A motion was made by Kenny Hensley and seconded by Scott Clayton to enter a contract with Mr. S. Rafe Foreman, Attorney at Law in order to allow Mr. Foreman to serve as the District's delinquent tax collection attorney. The motion carried unanimously.
- Resolution Honoring 1990 Borden County Football Team:**
A motion was made by Randy Adcock and seconded by Tom Ed Vestal to adopt the following resolution honoring the 1990 Borden County District 6-A Championship Football Team and Coaching staff. The motion carried unanimously.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BORDEN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT THE 1990 BORDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM BE PRAISED WITH HIGHEST ACCOLADES AS A RESULT OF THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT OF WINNING THE 1990 DISTRICT 6-A SIX-MAN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

THEREFORE, IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PASS THIS RESOLUTION IN AN ATTEMPT TO DIGNIFY THE MEMBERS OF THE 1990 FOOTBALL TEAM AND THEIR COACHING STAFF IN THE SAME MANNER THAT HAS BEEN BESTOWED UPON THE BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A RESULT OF THIS OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19 DAY OF December, 1990

Jack McPhaul
JACK MCPHAUL, PRESIDENT

Joel Dennis
JOEL DENNIS, VICE-PRESIDENT

Kenny Hensley
KENNY HENSLEY, SECRETARY

Randy Adcock
RANDY ADCOCK, BOARD MEMBER

Scott Clayton
SCOTT CLAYTON, BOARD MEMBER

Tom Ed Vestal
TOM ED VESTAL, BOARD MEMBER

- Annual Performance Report:**
The 1989-90 Borden County I.S.D. Annual Performance Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Tom Ed Vestal and seconded by Joel Dennis adopt the 1989-90 Borden County I.S.D. Annual Performance Report. The motion carried unanimously.
- Superintendent's Report:**
 - Financial Report-** Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas gave a year-to-date financial report for the 1990-91 school year.
 - Attendance Report-** It was reported that the K-12 enrollment for the District was 188 as of December 19, 1990.
 - 2nd 6 Weeks Honor Roll-** A report concerning the 2nd 6 weeks honor roll was given.
 - 2nd 6 Weeks Failure Report-** The passing rates for all classes and grades were reviewed as of the conclusion of the 2nd 6 weeks grading period.

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COYOTE NEWS CONTINUED . . .



RECEPTION HONOREE--Pictured during the Texas Tech University Ex-Students Association reception are Bill Dean, Executive director of the association, and Julie Harris.

BOARD MEETING

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- e. Accreditation Report- The final review of the 1990-91 Texas Education Agency Accreditation Report was conducted. The District was reported to be in substantial compliance with all state-adopted criteria for accreditation.
- f. Senior Trip Itinerary- The 1991 Senior Trip Itinerary was reviewed.
- g. Semi-Annual Report of Contributions- Members of the Board of Trustees completed their respective Semi-Annual Report of Contributions as required by law.

A motion was made by Randy Adcock and seconded by Scott Clayton to approve the superintendent's report. The motion carried unanimously.

- 9. Superintendent's Evaluation: The Board of Trustees conducted an annual evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools.
- 10. Adjournment: A motion was made by Randy Adcock and seconded by Joel Dennis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

FOOD SERVICE QUOTATION REQUEST

The Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District, will receive bids for food service commodities and supplies as follows:

Sealed bid proposals will be received by the District for Meat, Vegetables, Fruits, Condiments, Miscellaneous Food Items and Non-Food Disposable Products.

Bid proposals will be received in the office of the Superintendent until 1:30 P.M. on December 14, 1990. Bid proposals will be opened and read aloud in the Board Room at that time. Bid proposals will be tabulated and presented to the Board of Trustees for their consideration on December 18, 1990 at the Borden County Independent School District Board Room. Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas, Superintendent, Borden County Independent School District, Box 95, Gail, Texas, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "Food Service Quotation".

The Borden County I.S.D. Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal which will best serve the needs of the District. Bid pricing proposed must be valid for a period of forty-five days following submission to the Board of Trustees, and the conditions of the bid will include the option to select items on a per-item basis. Bids may be quoted on one, several, or all items. All products shall be priced F.O.B. the Borden County I.S.D. cafeteria in Gail, Texas. The term of this contract will be from January 1, 1991 to December 31, 1992.

Questions regarding bid specifications shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas, Superintendent, Borden County Independent School District at P.O. Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738 or by calling 915-856-4313.

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School, daughter of John and Jackie Harris of Gail was one of the recipient of one of these scholarships.

The campuswide reception honored more than 30 scholars and members

of the Texas Tech chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a junior college honor society.

The Ex-Students Association annually awards one-year academic scholarships to Texas Tech freshmen who have

graduated from high school as valedictorians and salutatorians. The scholarships are open to graduates of high schools in Texas and around the nation.

1990 TAAS TEST RESULTS

Students throughout the state of Texas took the first administration of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Test during October of 1990. This test was administered to students in grades 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11. Parents of all students tested within the Borden County Independent School District will receive a computerized letter that was generated to give parents an individual score report of their respective child's scores. These letters should be fairly self-explanatory; however, you are encouraged to contact Mr. McMeans if you have any questions about your child's test scores.

The primary thing that needs to be taken into consideration when reviewing your child's test scores is that this test was administered during October rather than February. The result of this situation will be that many students will score lower on their test as a result of an earlier test administration. This will be especially true for students in grades 3, 5, and 7. Again, please come see us if you have any questions pertaining to this issue.

STUDENT LUNCHES AND BREAKFAST

January 14 - 18, 1991

MONDAY

Lunch Breakfast

NO SCHOOL
(Teacher Workday)

TUESDAY

Sausage On A Stick	Pancakes
Creamed Potatoes	Juice
Peas	Milk
Hot Rolls	
Applesauce	
Milk	

WEDNESDAY

Fish Sticks	Toast
Cole Slaw	Fruit
French Fries	Milk
Jalapeno Cornbread	
Dessert	
Milk	

THURSDAY

Roll-Your-Own Burritos	Oatmeal
Lettuce-Tomatoes	Toast
Cheese Cup	Juice
Beans	Milk
Hot Apple Dessert	
Milk	

FRIDAY

NO SCHOOL
(Borden County Junior Livestock Show)

SALAD BAR - EVERYDAY EXCEPT FRIDAYS

LUNCH PRICE

K - 7th. \$1.00 Daily
8th. - 12th. \$1.25 Daily
Teachers: \$1.50 Daily
Guest: \$2.50 - Pre-School: \$1.00

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*Jimmy Burleson and Cindy Lewis
Announces Engagement*

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Lewis are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Cindy, to Jimmy Burleson. The couple will be married March 16, in Levelland. The bride is a 1988 graduate of BHS and presently attends Texas Tech. The groom is a 1987 graduate of Angelo State University and is employed by the Floydada ISD. The couple will reside in Floydada.

EMS NEWS

IN MEMORY OF:

EARL ABERNATHY
Gae and Lisa Ludecke

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Mr. & Mrs. Royce
Patterson

VIVIAN CLARK
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Miller
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Gray, Jr.
Joel & Betty Dennis
Mr. & Mrs. Doyle Newton

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Gae Ludecke

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Dennis, Sheri, Kaci,
Tanner, & Kalli Poole
Mr. & Mrs. Doyle Newton

RODWAY ROGERS
J.D. & Irene Hart

NATHAN ZANT
Lisa Ludecke

DONATIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Copeland
Donations and Memorials
may be mailed to the
following:
Borden County EMS
Box 153
Gail, Tex. 79738

LEGAL NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held February 1, 1991 in the District Courtroom in Gail, Borden County, Texas, beginning at 9:30 A. M. to set the salary for the County Auditor and the Court Reporter for 1991.

BY ORDER OF THE HONORABLE GENE L. DULANEY, DISTRICT JUDGE,
132nd JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, BORDEN COUNTY, TEXAS.

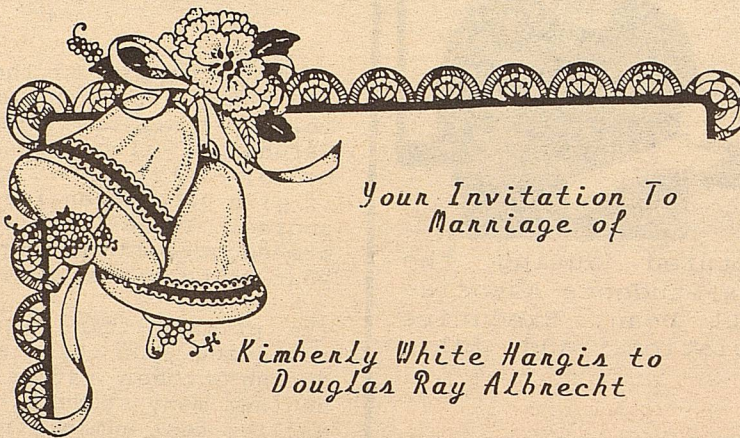
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The Borden County I.S.D. school calendar will require a minor revision as a result of our inclement weather that we experienced on January 4, 1991. All Texas students are required to attend school 175 days each year. In addition, school districts are required to plan in their calendars for a minimum of two inclement weather days that will be made up in the event that school must be dismissed as a result of inclement weather. The first two days of our Spring Break (March 18th and 19th) are the two days that have been allowed for inclement weather days. Therefore, the Borden County School Calendar will be revised as follows as long as we are not required to miss any additional days of school as a result of inclement weather: Students will attend school as regular on March 15, 1991. School will be dismissed at 2:30 P.M. on March 18, 1991. Spring Break Holidays will be March 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd. You will be notified if there are any further changes to the school calendar.



Mr. and Mrs. Don R. Everett request the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Kimberly White Hangis to Douglas Ray Albrecht, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Montgomery on Saturday the 12th of January 1991 at 7:00 in the evening at the First United Methodist Church in Tahoka, Texas.

Reception to follow immediately.

Poka-Lambro now offering new TelCard calling card to customers

As part of their continuing service, Poka-Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is offering its customers the new "Poka-Lambro TeleCard". The calling card, which is free, will keep long distance and local charges on one bill and will work

with most long distance carriers. The new TelCard will replace the calling cards currently issued by Poka-Lambro. Poka-Lambro will be mailing its customers a form for

the new card in billing statements.

Amy Preston, Public Affairs Manager for Poka-Lambro said, "We believe this card offers distinct advantages over other cards. For example, the Poka-Lambro TelCard will allow our customers to use most any long distance carrier. Another advantage is that in most instances, customers will receive one combined bill for long distance and local charges. With the other cards they could begin; receiving separate bills. Research shows that customers definitely prefer a single telephone bill." Preston added that customers also like a calling card issued by their local telephone company. She said customers have more confidence dealing with them.

The Poka-Lambro TelCard can be used in practically any location nationwide. For more information, contact the Poka-Lambro business office at 806-924-7234.

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LEGAL NOTICES

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: EUGENIA ETHYL DANIEL SKEEN, J. I. WILBOURN and L. E. WILBOURN, and if deceased, the legal representatives of said defendants and the unknown heirs of said named defendants, the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of said named defendants, if the unknown heirs of the said named defendants are dead; and all owners or claimants of interest in and to the following described property:

GREETINGS:

You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiffs' petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 18th day of February, 1991, at or before 10 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable 132nd District Court of Borden County, at the Court-house in Gail, Texas. Said Plaintiffs' petition was filed on the 19th day of December, 1990, the file number of said suit being No. 959. The names of the parties in said suit are:

JOHNNY DALE KITE and wife, WANDA KITE,
as Plaintiffs,
and,
EUGENIA ETHYL DANIEL SKEEN, J. E. WILBOURN and
L. E. WILBOURN,
as Defendants,

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit:

Such suit is a Trespass to Try Title Suit by which Plaintiffs seek Judgment awarding title to all of Two-Acre Block No. 23, of the Original Town of Gail, Borden County, Texas, to Plaintiffs.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 3rd day of January, 1991.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Texas, this the 3rd day of January, 1991.

SEAL *Dorothy Brown* District Clerk
132ND Judicial District Court of Borden County, Texas.

BID NOTICE

Borden County Commissioners' Court will accept bids for the following surplus used equipment.

Bids will be opened January 28, 1991 at 10:00 a.m.

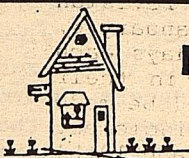
1. One used Broce drag type Pneumatic Tired Roller Has been used in Precinct #3
2. One Etnyre Asphalt Distributor mounted on an 1974 2 1/2 ton International Truck Asphalt Distributor is fire damaged-has been used county wide

The Broce Roller can be inspected at the Precinct #3 yard. The Asphalt Distributor and Truck can be inspected at the Precinct #1 yard.

Borden County reserves the right to reject any or all bids. For more information contact Van L. York, County Judge, 915/856-4391.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Van L. York
VAN L. YORK
County Judge
Borden County



NOTES FROM HOME
BY DEBRA POLLARD
Home Demonstration/CEA

'UNKNOWN' TORTILLA WRAPS UP \$1 BILLION INDUSTRY

Tortillas are rolling in the dough for U.S. bakers.

It's fla' confusing. The Mexican bread is taken for granted along the southern U.S. border but practically unknown near Canada's edge. Many Americans mispronounce tor-TEE-ya; losts have never heard the word.

All the while, U.S. bakers every year are pressing out \$1 billion worth of the thin corn or flour circles fast as conveyor belts can move.

Many companies only dream of marketing their product toward inevitable sales. But with practically no advertising, the tortillas' parent companies have awakened to an adolescent industry in need of direction.

While the sale of tortillas has grown enormously, the need for standards and quality labeling is important. And despite the growth, there is an untapped market. Still, to this day, there are people who don't know what a tortilla is.

There has been a five-fold increase in total tortilla sales since the early 1980s. But the potential for even more sweeping growth in markets, and the likelihood for corporate consolidation, has had an unnerving effect on the mostly small, family-operated tortilla makers which may number 400 in the nation.

So the new Tortilla Industry Assoc. in cut Industry Association's 70 member companies have a mission: to promote the consumption of tortillas to the consumer and to assist member companies in managing and planning their businesses.

First, the industry needs to asses the situation. One reason for the phenomenal demand is the increasing Hispanic population. Hispanics have considered tortillas a daily staple for more than 400 years.

The Hispanic population grew nearly four times the rate of the total U.S. population between 1980-90 to almost 21 million currently. That segment of the population could almost double within 20 years.

But the versatile tortilla easily has crossed ethnic bounds. Rolled around spicy meats, cheeses, beans and avocados, the tortilla is a main attraction at fast food and sit-down Mexican restaurants and increasingly in homes of any nationality.

While consumers are being introduced to appealing new uses, tortilla makers plan to take up the old issue of agreeing on a consistent definition for their product.

Anyone can make a tortilla of any size and any weight. There is no standard size, weight or ingredients right now.

There have been arguments over the size....that a tortilla has to be 6.5 inches round in Texas and 6 inches in California. The makers insist that it is a cultural thing.

All the consumer really knows right now is how many are in the package, what diameter they are and whether they are corn or flour.

The problem in wheat (flour) tortillas is that the manufacturing procedure varies from state to state, company to company and even to different lines within the same company. The quality control proce-

dures have not been utilized or are poorly implemented.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's revision of the tortilla's nutrient composition values may help standardize the product because the guide is used for menu planners at schools and other institutions.

The corn tortillas are higher in phosphorous, calcium, potassium and zinc, but generally lower in sodium and calories than flour tortillas. The flour tortillas are higher in protein fat and carbohydrates, higher in the three B vitamins (thiamine, riboflavin and niacin) and higher in iron.

Once the product is defined, there is potential for new product development--- from lite tortillas to flavored tortillas. A potato tortilla already is being developed by a Midwestern firm.

The future growth of the industry, especially in reaching brand-new consumers, hinges on standards, not fancy labels.

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1991 FARM PROGRAM

December 31, 1990, Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter announced acreage reduction program requirements and other 1991 farm program provisions to provide producers with basic information they will need to plan for 1991 crops.

ACR (SET ASIDE)

ACR Percentages have been established as follows:

1. Cotton - 5% of the cotton base
2. Wheat - 15% of the wheat base.
3. Grain Sorghum and Barley - 7.5%
4. Oats - Zero%

NOTE: There is a change in calculating ACR. The amount of required ACR is based on a specified % of the base of a crop and is not influenced by planted acres.

YIELDS

Farm program payment yields will be the same as those established for the 1990 crops.

BASE ACRES

1991 base acres will be established as follows:

1. Cotton - Average of last three years planted and considered planted acres, (with the exception of where cotton was planted and farmed outside the program).
2. Wheat and Feed Grains - Wheat and Feed Grain bases will be the average of the preceding 5 years planted and considered planted acres.

PLANTING FLEXIBILITY (TRIPLE BASE)

There are three terms closely associated with planting flexibility:

1. Normal Flex Acreage (NFA) - 1st 15% of the flex acreage.
2. Optional Flex Acreage (OFA)- Other 10% of Flex acreage
3. Maximum Payment Acreage (MPA)- Maximum acreage eligible for deficiency payment

planting Flexibility allows you to plant crops other than the program crop, (wheat, grain sorghum, barley, oats, or upland cotton), on up to 25% of any participating program crop acreage base (CAB). This acreage will be know as "flex" acreage.

Permitted crops on flex acres are:

1. Any program crop
2. Any oilseed
3. Any designated industrial experimental crop
4. Any other crop except any fruit or vegetable (including potatoes, dry edible beans, lentils, and peas).

The Secretary of Agriculture may, however, prohibit the planting of any crop on "Flex" acreage and is required to make available a list of any prohibited crops. A request for public comments will be published in the Federal Register at a later date with regard to what crops, if any, in addition to fruits and vegetables, (including

HARRIS TO HEAD TEXAS ASCS PANEL

Jerry D. Harris, a cotton grain sorghum in Dawson and Gaines Counties, has been named to a sixth term as chairman of the Texas Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee. U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm has announced.

Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter also named Mrs. Hope Huffman of McGregor to her second one-year term on the panel and reappointed veteran ASCS committee member Dale Hunt of Garwood, D.V. Guerra Jr. of Edinburg, and Keith Spears of Vernon.

"These five leaders bring a wealth of practical background in agriculture to ASCS. Jerry Harris has established an impressive record, combining years of experience as both a family farmer and a federal program administrator," the senator said. "Hope Huffman, Dale Hunt, D.V. Guerra, and Keith Spears all have done remarkable work in helping to lead the ASCS and I am pleased that they have agreed to continue their service to Texas and America."

Harris is active in cotton ginning, warehousing and marketing, as well as operating a

potatoes, dry edible beans, lentils and peas), should be prohibited from being planted on this acreage.

MAXIMUM PAY ACRES (MPA) FURTHER EXPLAINED

The significance of the MPA is that regardless of the crop acres you may be allowed to plant, you will only be eligible for deficiency payment on the MPA. In the case of cotton the MPA will be 80% of the base.

7,000-acre family farm and continuing service on the Board of Governors of Lubbock Christian University.

Also, he is a member of the National Cotton council, the Lamesa Cotton Growers, the Texas Food and Fiber Protein Commission and the Texas Cotton Ginners.

Mrs. Huffman raises row crops, grain and beef stocker cattle in McLennan and Coryell Counties. She is a member of the Texas Farm Bureau's Labor Advisory Committee and is active in both the McLennan County Farm Bureau and the Waco Chamber of Commerce's Agricultural Committee.

Hunt is a recognized national leader in the rice industry. He has served on the National Commission on Agricultural Trade and Export Policy and as president of the Texas Rice Research Foundation.

Guerra, active in soil and water conservation in South Texas, is an expert in livestock production. He has served on the Governor's Task Force on Rural Development and Texas A&M University to promote agricultural interests. He was named "Man of the Year in Agriculture" by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association.

Spears is a leader in the wheat industry. He has served as vice chairman of the Texas Wheat Producers Board and as a member of the U.S. Wheat Associates Board.

The five-member panel oversees activities of ASCS organization of federal farm programs in Texas.

Texas ASCS employs a staff of 1,400 and supervises the distribution of more than \$1.5 billion in federal farm program benefits to the farmers and ranchers of Texas every year.

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GROUNDWATER PROTECTION EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

The first national study of groundwater contamination, conducted and announced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency last week, is generating major public interest in the problem.

Dr. Bill L. Harris of College Station, soils specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and an Extension Service committee from several disciplines have addressed some frequently asked questions dealing with groundwater protection. Here are some of the questions that arise most often.

Q: Does mankind benefit from fertilizer and pesticide use?

A: Fertilizers and pesticides improve the yields and quality of food and fiber crops. Throughout the world, insecticide programs, when directions are followed carefully, continue to save lives and improve living conditions for animals and humans by helping curtail or eliminate diseases such as malaria, yellow fever and typhus. They assure crop yield and quality stability and enhance food safety.

Q: In the United States alone, pesticide use has more than tripled since 1964, with about 2.5 billion pounds applied annually to animals and plants for protection. Doesn't this increased use result in potential danger to the environment?

A: Urban and rural residents both use considerable chemicals and are concerned that runoff from rain or irrigation can funnel soluble nutrients from a large landscape to smaller collection point where the chemicals can be leached

into groundwater or lakes and streams. The continued, largely unregulated use of such chemicals could contaminate lakes, streams, ponds, wells and groundwater. All citizen groups need to join in a team effort to help assure the safe use of pesticides and fertilizers.

Q: Are injurious effects such as fish kills, reproductive failures in birds and acute illnesses in humans and animals correctly correlated with chemicals in water?

A: The exact sources of damaging chemicals are not always apparent, since natural contaminant sources also may be present. In addition, many people have a poor understanding of the results of longterm use of chemicals. The exact source of the problem may be difficult to track, since it may result from dumping of waste materials or other careless action and not the prudent use in ordinary agricultural production practices.

Q: How safe is ground for drinking water?

A: Groundwater is the most difficult water source to monitor or model in determining potential contamination. This water moves below the earth's surface between rocks and porous material, and gathers in large expanses beneath an area. These reservoirs are used by man as a reserve of fresh water and as a supply to wells and springs. But contamination of groundwater, often purer than surface sources, can limit the water's use. Half of the U.S. population relies on groundwater for drinking water. More than 90 percent of rural drink-

ing water is retrieved from a groundwater source. Nevertheless, with all of the groundwater withdrawn each year, only a small amount is used strictly as drinking water. About 82 percent of the groundwater is used to irrigate crops. Studies by state agencies and the EPA have detected a few problems, but in general, our groundwater is safe to drink.

Q: Since fertilizers and pesticides may jeopardize the quality of water supplies beneath the soil's surface, how can each individual help protect the groundwater supply?

A: The persistence and movement of pesticides are influenced by a chemical's formulation, solubility, reactivity, and material form and by specific type of soil at a given location. Natural climatic conditions or environmental changes by man -- such as irrigation -- also will influence effectiveness of the applied chemicals and their influence on the environment. If applied too liberally to upgrade poor soils, nitrogen can become a principal nutrient pollutant. Precipitation and animal waste may add to the nitrogen reserve. Legume crops, aided by microorganisms, can biologically convert atmospheric nitrogen into inorganic nitrogen, adding to the total soil reserve of nitrogen. Avoid excessive nitrogen applications to assure that the applied nitrogen and natural amount in the soil not exceed crop needs.

Q: Does knowing the soil type help one to

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monitor and control nitrogen supplies?

A: Nitrogen is highly soluble and moves with water through and off soils. Sandy soils are open and porous, allowing rapid water movement. Clay soils tend to seal at the surface, promoting rapid runoff. Either condition can lead to excessive nitrogen losses when improperly fertilized. Apply fertilizers at or near the time and in the amounts that the plant needs and can use them.

Q: How can a producer or gardener obtain the best use of phosphate fertilizers?

A: Phosphorous, unlike unitrogen, does not readily leach or move. Control soil erosion to prevent movement of the fertilizer through the soil with water. It tends to be tightly held in the soil particles. Manage soil pH to maximize the efficient plant use of fertilizers incorporate the fertilizer if possible and band phosphate fertilizers.

OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY CROP RESEARCH

Ag students at Western Texas College will have more opportunities to study crop research as a new cooperative agreement between the college, Texas Tech University, the Soil Conservation Service and the Texas A&M Extension Service goes into effect, David Kattes, Assistant professor of agriculture, said.

WTC owns a 320-acre farm south of Snyder where the research will be conducted. It will include studies of fertility, insecticides and herbicides, and a variety test on cotton and small grains and sudan. Eleven varieties of wheat are being tested for their forage capabilities.

"The cooperating agencies will provide specialized knowledge and, at times, needed

equipment," Kattes said. "We are looking forward to working with the Scurry County extension agent as well as Dennis Poole, Borden County extension agent, and other county agents right around us as we get into the crop research program."

A graduate of Texas A&M University, Kattes joined the WTC faculty at the start of the 1990 fall semester. He formerly served as research director for Von Roeder Seed Farms, Inc., in Snyder. At WTC, Kattes teaches agronomy, herbicide and pesticide use and entomology. Other instructors in the WTC ag department are Bob Doty and Jim Judah. Information about the WTC livestock and agriculture programs can be obtained by contacting any of the instructors.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF LREP

The Annual meeting of the Borden County Extension program council was held Wednesday, December 19, 1990.

The program began with Peach Cobbler & Ice Cream. An overview of the 1987-1990 Long Range Extension Program (LREP) was presented by County Agents Debbie Pollard, Home Economics and Dennis Poole, Agriculture.

The Long Range Extension Program will serve as a 4 year plan to direct educational programming for the

citizens of Borden county. This plan was developed with cooperating efforts of Task Force Committee members and the Extension Program Council.

Committee reports to include educational programs over the past year were presented by Diedre Smith - 4-H & Youth Committee, Richard Laverty - Home Economics, and Kenny Hensley - Field Crops and Range & Livestock Committee reports.

Committee chairpersons were presented certifi-

cates of appreciation for assisting throughout the year in co-ordinating and implementing educational programs.

Kenny Hensley - Field Crops, Van York - Range & Livestock and executive Board, Ollie Holmes - Home Economics, and Doug Issacs - 4-H & Youth and Adult Leaders Association. Y.E.S. TEAM MEMBERS, Wanda Smith and Richard Laverty.

Result demonstrators Larry Smith, Buddy Telchik, Verna Ogden, and Ralph Miller were

presented certificates of appreciation for their willingness to assist in agricultural demonstrations.

Mr. Mickey McMeans, Principal and Mr. Jimmy Thomas, Superintendent were both recognized for continued support of extension educational programs on behalf of the overall Extension program council. These gentlemen are very instrumental in supporting and assisting the youth educational programs throughout each year. Their willingness to coordinate and work with all phases of the extension educational programs is greatly appreciated.

After the presentation of all certificates the meeting was adjourned.

Don't Worry . . .

Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one, Happy New Year!

For most of us, Jan. 1 simply marks the beginning of a new year — a second chance to meet the goals we set but weren't able to attain the year before. But for others, like Alan Caruba, it means another year to worry about the little things.

Caruba, executive director of the National Anxiety Center, will issue the center's official list of the "Ten Silliest Things to Worry About in 1991" on New Year's Day. The list is designed to take both a humorous and a serious look at the issues that distract Americans the most.

What are the big 10 for 1991? They include: Am I going bald? Will I win the lottery? Are other people having more fun than me? Can I lose weight in 1991? and, What brand of sneakers should I wear?

For a complete list of the "Ten Silliest Things to Worry About in 1991," write the National Anxiety Center, P.O. Box 40, Maplewood, N.J. 07040. lil

BORDEN COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW, SALE AND BAR-B-QUE

Jan. 17-18 & 19, 1991



GOAT SHOW
Saturday Morning
Following the Steer Show



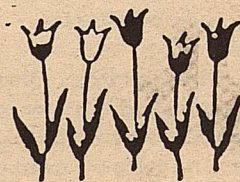
LAMB SHOW
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STEER SHOW
Saturday 8:30 A.M.



BARROW SHOW
Friday, 8:30 A.M.



BAR-BE-QUE DINNER Saturday Noon

Everyone is invited to the Bar-B-Que Dinner on Saturday. We are asking everyone to please bring a SALAD or VEGETABLE and a DESSERT to the school cafeteria bay 11:00 a.m. Saturday. Meat, Beans, Pickles, Bread, Tea and Coffee will be furnished by the Livestock Association.

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6	7 J.H. Basketball Grady-T-6:00	8 Exams-Period 1 H.S. Basketball Grady-H-5:00	9 Exams Periods 4, & 7	10 Exams Periods 2 & 5	11 Conclusion of First Semester Exams- 3 & 6 H.S. Basketball Sands-T-5:00	12
13	14 Teacher Workday J.H. Basketball Sands-H-6:00	15 Begin Second Semester H.S. Basketball O'Donnell-H-5:00	16	17 Teacher Workshop 9:00-3:00 Students Dismiss at 2:30	18 HOLIDAY H.S. Basketball Sterling C-T-6:30	19 SALE & Barbeque
20	21 J.H. Basketball O'Donnell-T-6:00	22	23	24	25 Borden Co. Stock Show---	26
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